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Hongkong, January 1, 1893. 2303

NOTICE.

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Hongkong, December 20, 1892. 2323

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For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,

F. DE BOVIS,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, August 1, 1891. 1515

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SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL..... £60,000.

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Hongkong, January 7, 1893. 47

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Paid-up Capital..... \$10,000,000.
Reserve Fund..... \$3,300,000.
Reserve Liability..... \$10,000,000.
Profits..... \$10,000,000.

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Hongkong, August 30, 1892.

Intimations.

THE WEST POINT BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Fourth Ordinary Yearly MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Company's OFFICES, on WEDNESDAY, the 23rd January, 1893, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors, together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1892.

The REGISTER of SHARES will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 22nd January, 1893 (both days inclusive) during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

A. SHELTON HOOPER, Secretary to the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd.

GENERAL AGENTS for the West Point Building Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, January 7, 1893. 49

HONGKONG, CANTON and MACAO
STEAMBOAT COMPANY,
LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Fifty-third Ordinary Half-Yearly MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the OFFICES of the Company, No. 18, Bank Buildings, Queen's Road Central, on MONDAY, the 30th Inst., at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend, and electing Auditors.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 17th to 30th, inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

T. ARNOLD,
Secretary.

Hongkong, January 12, 1893. 75

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Fifth Ordinary MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Company's OFFICES, Victoria Building, on TUESDAY, the 31st, 1893, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1892.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 23rd, to TUESDAY, the 31st January, 1893 (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary.

Hongkong, January 13, 1893. 84

“KEATING'S COUGH LOZENGES.”

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Hongkong, January 18, 1893. 63

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Le Directeur Général de Rébao,

Hély PORTAL

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Hongkong, November 1, 1892. 1921

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R. LYALL,
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Hongkong, December 8, 1892. 2153

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To-day's Advertisements.

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J. S. VAN BUREN,
Agent.
Hongkong, January 18, 1893. 2242

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THE KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Fourth Ordinary General MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Company's Offices, Victoria Building, on FRIDAY, the 3rd of February, 1893, at 3 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts for the twelve months ending 31st December, 1892.

The TRADING BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, the 26th January, to FRIDAY, the 3rd February, 1893 (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary to the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd.
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Hongkong, January 18, 1893. 107

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THE CHINA MAIL.

The Empress of China, which sails on the 25th inst., takes among her passengers over fifty Chinese, who are on their way to the World's Fair at Chicago. They have been sent by the Ceylon Government and the Planters' Association to run the "Ceylon Teahouse" at the Fair. Mr. W. P. Fletcher, of the P. W. D., Ceylon, is in charge of the contingent.

At 5.30 this morning fire was discovered by Constable Macdonald (No. 98) to have broken out in a Chander's shop at 2 Square Street. The fire brigade were called out under Mr. Matheson, but before they arrived the Constable had extinguished the flames. The damage done was slight. A match at Wong-nai-cheong was destroyed by fire this morning.

The Sanitary Board will meet to-morrow. The following is the Order of the Day:—

Dr. Clark will move.—That a Committee, consisting of the Captain Superintendent of Police, the Colonial Surgeon, and Honourable Dr. H. K. Kai, be appointed to consider what steps, if any, should be taken to prevent the spread of rabies in the Colony; and that the Committee be requested to report to the Board at an early date.

Dr. Gaudie will move.—Whether the lymph cultivated at the Vaccine Institute can be supplied in sufficient quantity to meet the requirements of the Colony, and if so, when it can be obtained and at what cost.

Agenda.—1. Mortality Returns for the weeks ended the 11th and 14th January, 1893. 2. Surveyor-General's report on the condition of the house-holds of—A. 23 to 59 (even numbers), East Street, B. 41 to 63 (odd numbers), Square Street, C. 1 and 3, Tai-ping Shan Street, D. 2 to 12 (even numbers), Wilmer Street, E. 2 to 34 (even numbers), Eastern Street, F. 1 to 28, Sai Wo Lane, G. 1 to 28, Ta Mo Alley, H. 12 to 145, Praya West, I. 101 to 231 (odd numbers), Queen's Road West, J. 62, Square street, K. 24, Elgin Street.

The *Osaka Asahi* says the Naval Department has found no result of the examination of Lieutenant Kubuki, the pilot of the *Kanmon* and others, that many had favourable to the cause of the Department, and they will therefore now point out to the R. & O. Co. that the Hon. responsible for the collision, and demand damages including the cost of the *Chishio*, and the amount of the relief funds to be given to the families of the dead. In case the Company does not comply with the demand, the Department will enter a claim in the British Consular Court in Yokohama. The Department is said to be determined to maintain the national dignity in regard to this matter, however long the dispute may take.

The Japan Gazette is informed that the report of the damaged steamer *Zambo* has been entrusted to the Yokohama Engine and Iron Works, they being the lowest of several bidders received by the agents for the underwriters in Yokohama. It also bears that Hongkong also the competitor, but far in excess of the above, and the various local Japanese and European institutions were greatly in excess so that the above local prominent firm have succeeded in getting the contract at a low but fairly remunerative price. The advertiser says the estimate for the work is \$15,000, including docking and putting the vessel in such a condition as to pass the surveyor for releasing her.

"HURRY," in *Vanity Fair*, says:—They have just had what they call "Pearson's in the Stock Exchange. The sentence was:—

Moses Abraham is a—

Moses Abraham is a well-known member of the House of Commons, whose word was carefully sealed up in an envelope, and the subscribers came in merrily till just before closing time this afternoon, when the envelope was opened and the complete sentence was found to be:—

Moses Abraham is a Gentleman. The curiosities about him that when all the guesses had been safely gone through, no single subscriber was found to have given the right word. The event is still, therefore, undecided; but Mr Moses Abraham thinks that a liberty has been taken with his name.

In Mr. W. H. Lucy's capital book, the "Diary of the Salisbury Parliament," there is a story relating to Lord Rosebery and one of his Scotch guests which is worth quoting. In the month of May, 1888, there was an evening party in Berkeley-square; and in the early part of the day Lord Rosebery had met a Piccadilly Scotch farmer with whom he had some acquaintance, and he asked his friend to "look in" in the course of the night. The farmer duly presented himself in something that resembled his idea of an evening dress. All went well until the Scotchman got into the upper-room, and after eating a variety of dishes, he told them what was new to him. Having taken a large spoonful, he managed to conceal his discomfiture. But seeing his host he thought it his duty to inform him of what had taken place. "I don't suppose you know my lord," he loudly whispered, "but think I ought to tell you—there has been a mistake somewhere with this pudding's frost." Lord Rosebery grasped the situation in a moment. With perfect courtesy, and with a pretty appearance of critical inquiry, he listed the ice-cream. "So it is," he said; "that's very nice." And then, after speaking to one of the servants, he returned and said to the Scotch farmer: "It's all right; I am told that this is a new kind of pudding that we're going back to the good old system, and I understand your Lordship is to be presented with a pair this morning."

THE WEATHER.

To-day there has been a slight improvement in the temperature, due to the sun's rays being unobstructed by a single cloud, and the winter coating of the hills has begun to dissolve and disappear. The Peak roads were clear of ice last night, although the wind was a biting as ever and the thermometer at private residences at the Peak indicated only 30 degrees. At one gentleman's house about half past six the gas went out, and upon investigation it was found that the water in the meter had frozen and it was necessary to thaw it with hotwater. It is another house in the same district ice was found in the baths this morning, and at Kowloon several of the residents were able to enjoy a good slide on that smooth surface. Though there was a marked diminution in the quantity of ice at the Peak the scene there must have been enchanting, the bright rays of the sun upon the pendant pines on tree and shrub producing charming effects. A private observer at Mount Kallett reports that the thermometer this morning before sunrise was a fraction below yesterday's record of 23°. On the Robinson Road level the minimum reading in open air was 28°.

The Chinese have been hawking through the streets branches of trees encrusted with ice, and both yesterday and today the ice was being collected by Chinese for medicinal purposes.

At no time in the Supreme Court a very desirable place to sit in, but since the intense frost set in the Court has been a good place to stay away from. His Honour Mr. Ackroyd, Justice of the Peace, during the last two days has been compelled by the cold to hear cases in his Chambers.

The suffering coolie classes have been receiving help from the more fortunate members of the Chinese community, and a large number of wadded garments have been distributed.

Going to the docks and gear being frozen it was impossible till this forenoon to signal vessels from Victoria Peak;

The Chinese Mail has received a telegram from Socorro stating that snow began to fall there on the evening of Friday last, 13th inst., and continued to fall till noon on Sunday, 15th inst. The ground is covered to a depth of over two feet. At Chau Chow in the neighbourhood of Shanghai, a place where snow was never seen before, snow has fallen to a depth of six inches, while snow fell heavily from Saturday till Monday at Kwei Liu in the Province of Kwang Si. To add to the discomfort of the people in Kwei Liu, fire broke out on Sunday evening and 200 houses were destroyed, rendering many families homeless.

Our Peak correspondent writes as follows:—Much of the icy coating on the trees and grass thawed off yesterday, and still more is gone this morning, notwithstanding there was a hard frost last night at the Peak. The sun has come out bright and clear, and has supplied the whole scene. The weather is now quite dry, and the temperature is falling rapidly.

The effect of the Raub Hole in battering the last return to arrive on Wednesday, can easily be seen. Last news points to the improvement of the Western (162 foot level), which is a more hopeful sign, as this part of the mind has failed to great extent. From Mr. Bibby's last letter he seems to think that the mind has turned a distinct corner in its history.

As most people who were not prejudiced in favour of binationalism far saw, the Brussels Conference will evidently lead to no other result, says the *Overlord Mail*, than to demonstrate the impossibility of an international agreement to rehabilitate silver. If the United States Government could have first entered into some preliminary arrangement with the South American republics, with China and with India to adopt free coinage of silver and make it unlimited legal tender over half the globe, it might perhaps have alarmed some of the European nations into a reconsideration of their gold policy. But the business men of the United States are too keen, or are not bold enough, to risk an experiment of that kind. They shrink from abandoning gold, while they would like to have the benefit, as Mr. Harrison indicated in his ill-conditioned Message of currency legislation by means of silver. Other nations however, who get on very well with the latter standard, are not prepared for a "deal" so obviously undesired. Great Britain, which is perfectly satisfied with its own monetary system, is only concerned the matter because of its interests in India and the East. The failure to arrive at an agreement will oblige the American Government promptly to stop its purchases of silver, and is very likely to cause considerable financial trouble until matters have resolved themselves. Now that the Committee in the India Office knows that it had to deal with the old conditions—somewhat aggravated by the results of the Congress—they may look for some answer from India in the direction of a gold value with a silver contingency. As India is a small country it may not be so difficult to produce a workable scheme, and the sooner it is brought out the better. Whatever the scheme may be, its evolution will be watched with little anxiety. Years ago we warned the Indian financiers that they were pursuing a phalanx in binationalism; and that their best policy was to adopt a gold standard. They ought to have been in the market before Austria-Hungary, and when the rupes had only fallen a few pence. Now they may have to solve the problem in the middle of a cataclysm, and in any case an immense sacrifice.

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